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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF MASSAGE THERAPY."

- 1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 2 internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Section 20-206g of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):
- 5 (a) As used in this section, "advertise" includes, but is not limited to:
- 6 [, the]
- 7 (1) The issuance of any card, sign or device to any person that
- 8 includes the words "massage", "massage therapist", "massage therapy"
- 9 <u>or "massage therapy establishment"</u>; [causing]
- 10 (2) Causing, permitting or allowing any sign or marking on or in
- 11 any building, vehicle or structure that includes the words "massage",
- 12 <u>"massage therapist", "massage therapy" or "massage therapy</u>
- 13 <u>establishment"</u>; [advertising]

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(3) Placing an advertisement in any newspaper, [or] magazine [,] or
 other advertising medium that includes the words "massage",
 "massage therapist", "massage therapy" or "massage therapy
 establishment"; or [the placement of]

- 18 (4) Placing any listing or advertisement in any directory under a 19 classification or heading that includes the words "massage", "massage 20 therapist", "massage therapy" or "massage therapy establishment".
- 21 (b) No person, firm, partnership or corporation shall advertise any 22 of the services included in the definition of massage therapy <u>set forth</u> 23 <u>in section 20-206a</u> in any manner using the term or title "massage", 24 unless such services are performed by a massage therapist.
 - (c) Each [person who holds a license as a] massage therapist shall include [his or her] <u>such massage therapist's</u> license number in any advertisement for such [person's] <u>massage therapist's</u> massage therapy services that appears in a newspaper, <u>magazine</u>, telephone directory or other advertising medium.
- (d) It shall be a violation of this section for any person who does not
 hold a current license as a massage therapist to advertise massage
 therapy services by using the term "massage", "massage therapist",
 "licensed massage therapist", "massage practitioner", "massagist",
 "masseur" or "masseuse".
- (e) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) or (d)
 of this section shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor."

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